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RESPONSE (E) (AFTER FINAL)

Sir:

Applicants have the following response to the Advisory Action of February 12, 2004, and in furtherance of Applicant's prior response to the Final Rejection of September 10, 2003. A RCE and IDS are being submitted herewith.

In the Advisory Action and Final Rejection, the Examiner is maintaining the rejection of Claims 1, 3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 20 and 23 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Beeson et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner contends that Beeson discloses a light guide plate (6/82) and a plurality of prism-shaped lenses (80/28) each being in contact with a lower surface of the light guide (6/82). Applicant disagrees.

As previously pointed out, reference numeral 82 in Beeson is a substrate which is to serve as a spacer between the microlenses 80 and the microprisms 28 (see col. 8, lns. 44-46 in Beeson). It is not a light guide plate, as recited in the claimed invention. Further, as shown in Fig. 7 in Beeson, the

alleged prism shaped lenses 80/28 are not in contact with waveguide 6. Hence, Beeson does not disclose or suggest the claimed limitation of "a plurality of prism-shaped lenses each being contact with a lower surface of the light guide plate."

In response in the Advisory Action, the Examiner now cites Figs. 4, 12 and 15 of Beeson in support of her rejection.

However, Fig. 46 clearly shows an adhesive layer 46. Hence, the reference does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature of the prism-shaped lenses being in contact with a lower surface of the light guide plate.

Accordingly, the rejected claims are patentable over this reference, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection now be withdrawn.

Conclusion

As there are no other rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

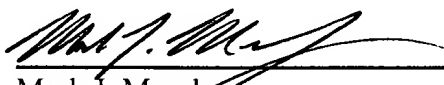
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Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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